

MIGRANT LEPIDOPTERA IN SOUTH-WEST SCOTLAND IN 1975.

— During a short holiday in Wigtownshire, the following species were recorded. *Colias croceus* Geoff., one on the shore of Luce Bay, near Ardwell, 10.viii. *Nycterosea obstipata* Fab., one at actinic light near Stranraer, 11.viii. *Autographa gamma* L., very common throughout the area, 10-14.viii. *Nomophila noctuella* D. & S., one at actinic light near Stranraer, 14.viii. *Pyrausta martialis* Guen., one at actinic light near Stranraer, 12.viii. — R. J. REVELL, The Perse School, Cambridge, CB2 2QF.

EUBLEMMA OSTRINA HB. AND COLIAS CROCEUS GEOFF. IN IRELAND IN 1975.—While on a week's stay at Dingle, Co. Kerry, I netted during the day a female *Eublemma ostrina* Hb. on 15th June; and on a further visit there, noted a male *Colias croceus* Geoff. on 1st August. — BERNARD F. SKINNER, 85, Elder Road, West Norwood, London, S.E.27.

THE FOODPLANTS OF ARCHANARA SPARGANII (ESPER). — At Browdown, Hampshire, on 30th June, I found larvae and pupae of this species in stems of *Typhus angustifolia* and *Scirpus tabernaemontani*. I am not sure whether these foodplants have previously been recorded for this species. — D. W. H. FFENNELL, Martyr Worthy Place, Winchester, Hants.

DAPHNIS NERII (LINN.) IN NORTH HAMPSHIRE. — A female of this species was found in an m.v. trap at this address on the morning of 18th August. It was in moderate condition. The specimen, the first in Hampshire since 1957, was not kept for eggs because, the life history of the species being already well known, it was considered of greater scientific interest to preserve it in the condition in which it arrived. It was fortunate that the moth succeeded in entering the trap, since a female *Agrius convovuli* (Linn.) of about the same wing span, which was still on the outside of the trap at daylight on 17th September, was eaten by blackbirds. They were, however, considerate enough to leave me a forewing and a hindwing for identification. — D. W. H. FFENNELL, Martyr Worthy Place, Winchester, Hants.

DEILEPHILA ELPENOR (LINN.) IN SEPTEMBER. — At a season when all who run moth traps are on the look out for migrant hawkmoths, it was a surprise to find a specimen of this species in my trap on the morning of 22nd September. I have not previously heard of the Elephant Hawk either as a migrant or as producing second brood specimens, although South mentions an occasional late summer emergence, but I am inclined to think, after this warm summer, that this is an example of the latter. This one is in mint condition, and the species responds well to forcing — I once had a bred specimen emerge on Christmas Day. — D. W. H. FFENNELL, Martyr Worthy Place, Winchester, Hants.